



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Consider Communication Received From John Sutphin Requesting That Council Place The Subject Of "Lack Of Enforcement Of City Codes And Ordinances" On A Future City Council Agenda (CLK)

MEETING DATE: January 2, 2003

PREPARED BY: City Clerk

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council receive the attached correspondence from John Sutphin and refer the matter to staff for review and report to be heard and discussed at the City Council meeting of January 15, 2003.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: John Sutphin submitted the attached letter (Exhibit A) requesting that the subject of lack of enforcement of applicable City codes and ordinances be placed on a future City Council agenda for discussion and appropriate action. It is recommended that the City Council refer the matter to staff and schedule it for the meeting of January 15, 2003.

FUNDING: None required.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan J. Blackston".

Susan J. Blackston
City Clerk

SJB/JMP

Attachment

APPROVED: _____

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H. Dixon Flynn".
H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager

EXHIBIT A

COPY

John S Sutphin
321 East Century Blvd
Lodi CA 95240

December 18, 2002

Janet S Keeter, Deputy City Manager
City of Lodi City Hall
221 West Pine Street
Lodi CA 95240

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Re: Correspondence of December 12, 2002

City Clerk
City of Lodi

Dear Ms. Keeter:


Thank you for your prompt response to my earlier request with respect to the lack of enforcement of applicable city codes and ordinances.

I believe you missed the target of my inquiry. The city codes and ordinances mentioned include a response by the city department involved. These codes should not rely on a citizen's complaint. The members of the departments involved have the duty to enforce these codes.

To advocate a citizen's complaint to enforce these codes is to set a dangerous and illegal precedent. Citizens are not trained or equipped regarding the proper enforcement of city codes.

I came to your office originally to request time for an appearance before the City Council. I now request time to appear before the City Council to present and discuss my views on these subjects.

Very truly yours,


John S Sutphin

cc: H Dixon Flynn, City Mgr
Jerry Adams, Police Chief
Rad Bartlam, Community Development Director
Richard Prima, Public Works Director
Susan J Hitchcock, Mayor ✓
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December 12, 2002

Mr. John S. Sutphin
321 East Century Blvd.
Lodi, CA 95240-8808

Dear Mr. Sutphin,

Thank you for taking the time to stop by my office to discuss the issues of truck parking and unsightly properties. I have subsequently discussed the truck parking matter with staff members of various departments, all of whom have received no complaints from the public. Those departments included Police, Public Works, and Community Development. The suggestion was made that if you or any member of the public notices trucks that are parked in inappropriate locations, the Police Department needs to be contacted for enforcement purposes.

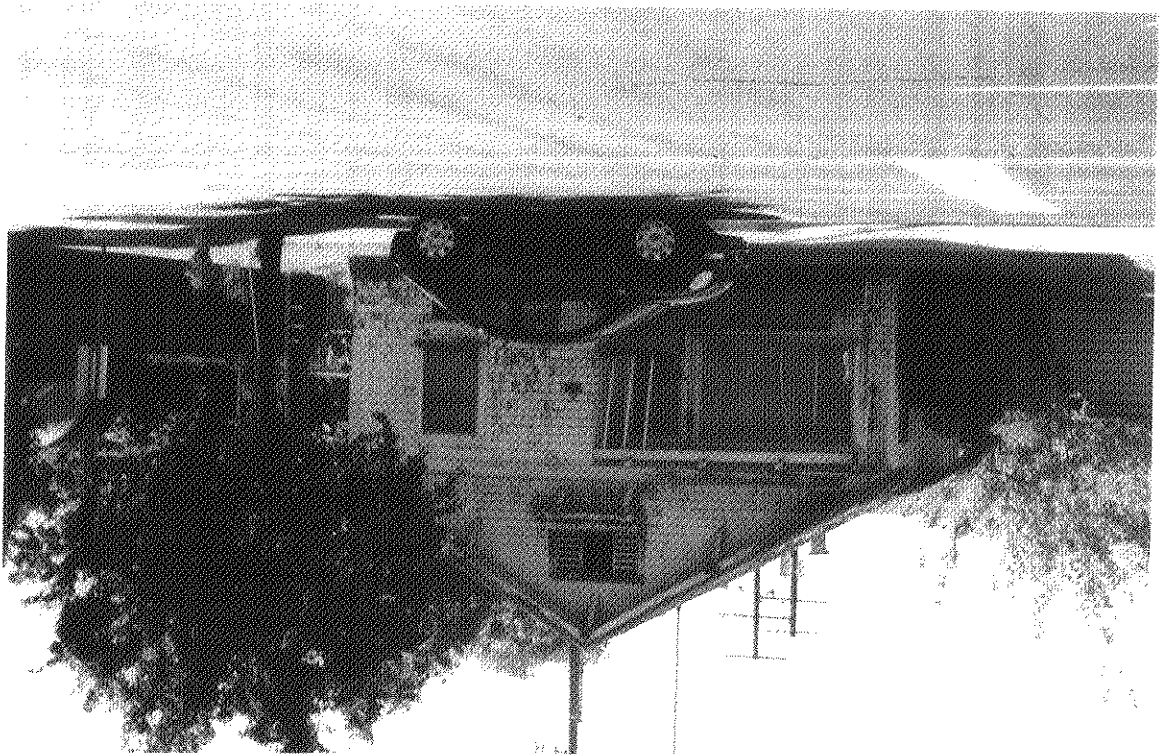
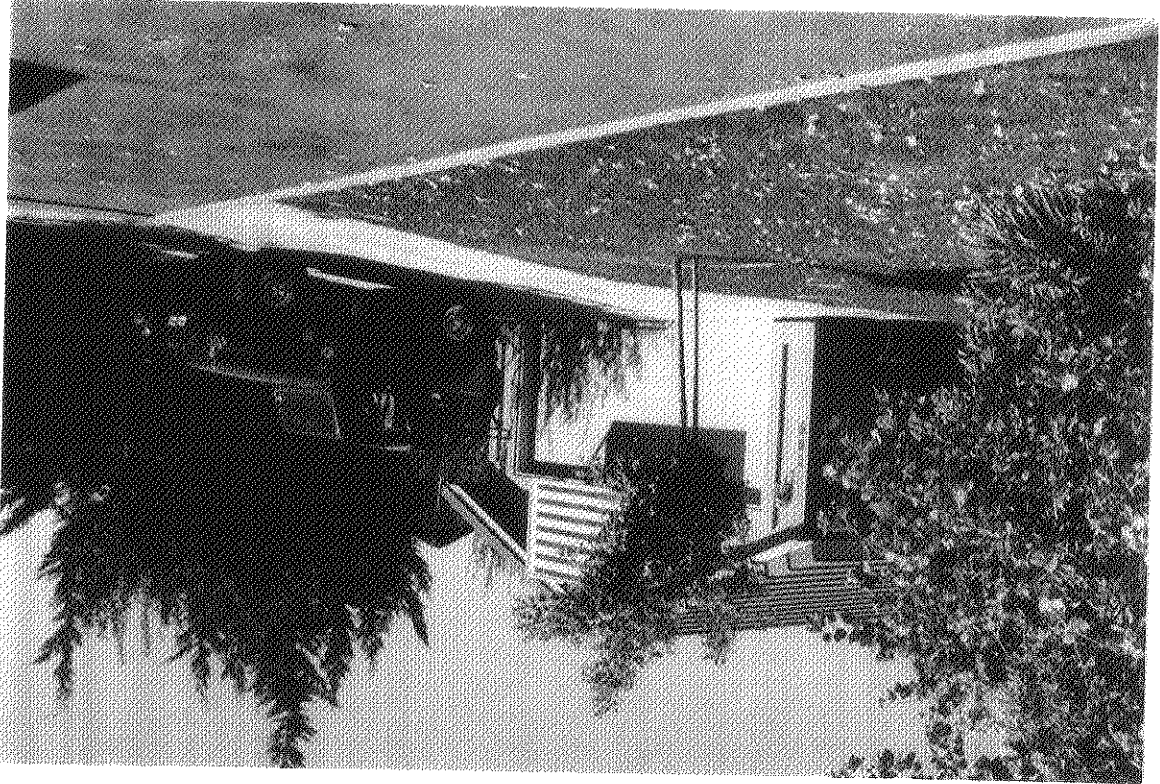
I spoke with Rad Bartlam, Community Development Director, regarding the issue of the properties on Church Street. Mr. Bartlam indicated that the City has no authority to compel the property owners to do anything to their buildings at this time, as they are not violating any codes.

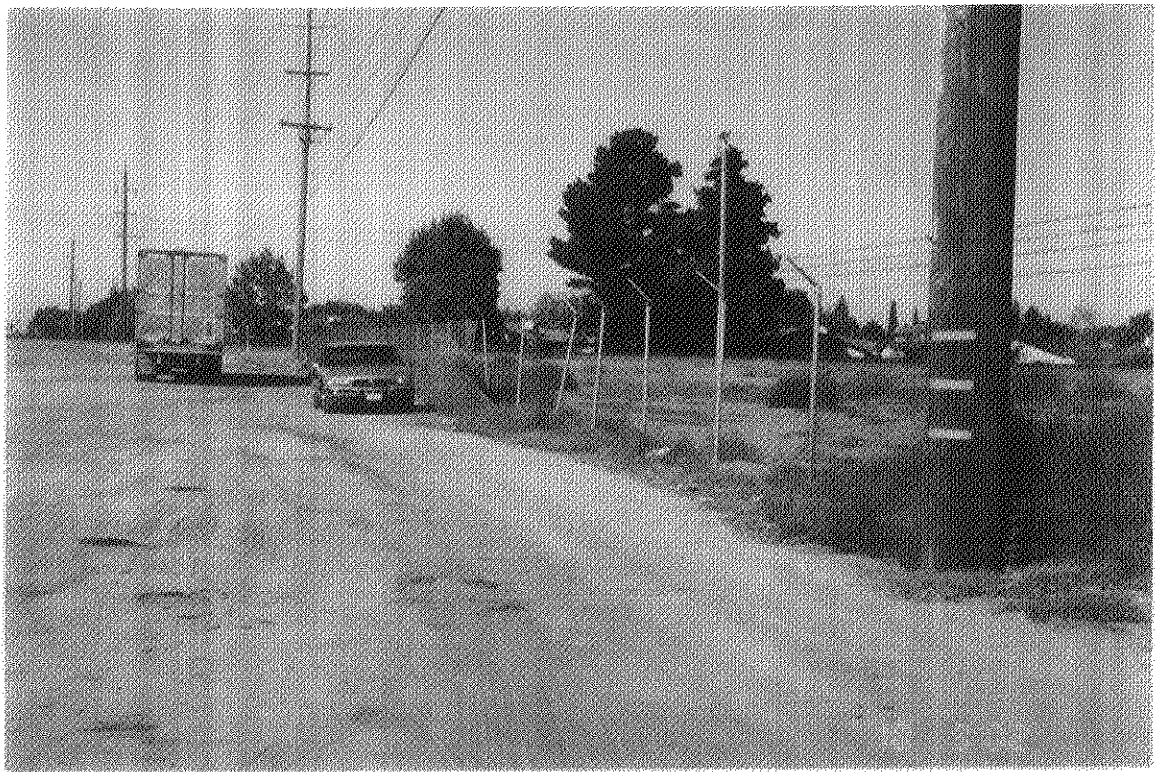
Please feel free to call upon me should you wish to further discuss the aforementioned issues.

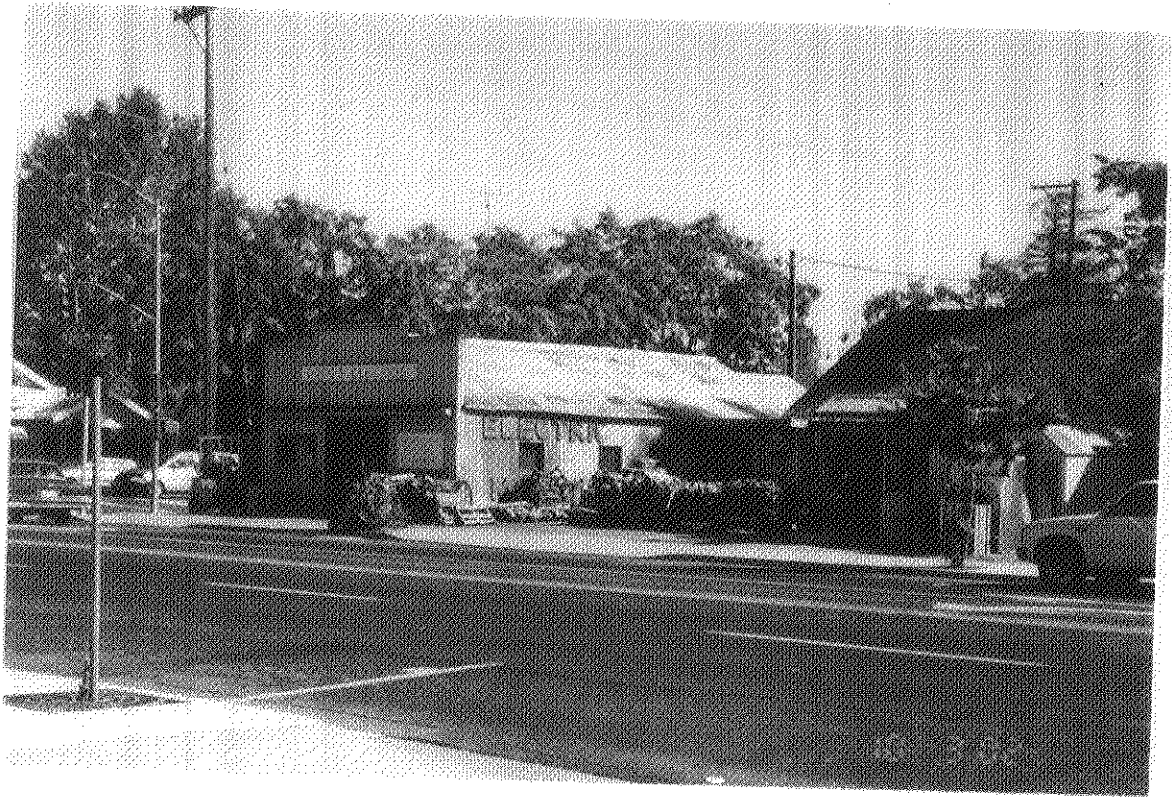
Happy Holidays!

Janet S. Keeter
Deputy City Manager

cc: H. Dixon Flynn, City Manager
Jerry Adams, Police Chief
Rad Bartlam, Community Development Director
Richard Prima, Public Works Director







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Sutphin

Match	Event	Receive Time	Class	Address	Synopsis
1-Main	02035225	9/4/02 3:05:44 PM	897	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	
2-Main	02035143	9/3/02 8:35:51 PM	CVC	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	VEH PARKED IN THE FIRE ZONE
3-Main	02027458	7/13/02 4:53:54 PM	897	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	
4-Main	02027448	7/13/02 2:50:57 PM	CVC	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	WHITE P/U PARKED IN THE FIRE
5-Main	02027001	7/10/02 2:54:58 PM	459	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	DELAYED 459 RESIDENTIAL
6-Main	02026832	7/9/02 11:45:17 AM	LOB	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	THEFT REPORT
7-Main	02025591	7/1/02 7:37:40 AM	484	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	THEFT OF UTILITIES (UTILITIES IS ON SCENE)
8-Main	02023488	6/17/02 6:02:09 PM	DUI	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	EX WIFE 3MIN DELY SEEN DRINKNG A BEER IN THE VEH WHEN SHE LEFT IN
9-Main	02021180	6/2/02 12:22:26 AM	415N	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	LOUD PEOPLE IN THE PATIO AREA SWEARING AND YELLING
10-Main	02020805	5/30/02 10:17:52 PM	901	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	NON INJURY 901
11-Main	02016715	5/3/02 11:23:37 AM	CIV	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	RP BEING HARRASSED BY EX - JENNIFER PITTO DOB 120676
12-Main	02014053	4/14/02 9:54:05 AM	CVC	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	2 VEHs PARKED IN THE FIRE ZONE IN THE BACK
13-Main	02012765	4/5/02 6:14:16 PM	415P	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	FEMALE TRYING TO GET INTO HOUSE REFUSING TO LEAVE
14-Main	02012746	4/5/02 5:07:26 PM	415P	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	MALE/FEMALE VERBAL WAS PHYSICAL BIT A NEIGHBOR VICTIM
15-Main	02011028	3/24/02 4:13:24 AM	LCC	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	LOUD MUSIC
16-Main	02007062	2/24/02 11:39:08 AM	CIV	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	FEMALE AT THE RESIDENCE, TAKING FURNITURE OUT OF THE HOUSE
17-Main	02005672	2/13/02 7:47:51 PM	CVC	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	FORD PICKUP WHI PARKED IN FIRE ZONE BELONGS TO AARON ALLEN
18-Main	02005208	2/10/02 12:35:31 PM	415	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	415 MALE FEMALE PHYS
19-Main	01046744	12/14/01 1:19:56 PM	974	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	BLK/GRY CAMERO 974 VEH... RP CONCERNED DUE TO PAST ACTIVITY
20-Main	01045417	12/3/01 2:30:28 PM	415P	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	415 VERBAL AARON PEREZ AND JENNIFER PITTO MALE HALE MAY BE
21-Main	01045031	11/30/01 9:42:11 AM	906	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	WANTS AN OFFICER TO SERVE PAPERS 914 PRIOR RP SAID SHE
22-Main	01045018	11/30/01 5:53:51 AM	906	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	RP WANTS CONTACT REGARDING PROBLEMS WIHT HER BOYFRIEND HE
23-Main	01045014	11/30/01 3:10:08 AM	HS	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	RP WANTS A 914,, REG SUBJS W/ HS ACTIVITY AT ABOVE LOCATION
24-Main	01044727	11/27/01 7:57:13 PM	166	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	HARRASSING PHONE CALLS. MALE ALSO ENTERED THE HOUSE WHEN NO
25-Main	01044714	11/27/01 5:39:35 PM	CVC	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	BROWN FORD TRUCK PARKED IN THE FIRE ZONE
26-Main	01044539	11/26/01 7:57:33 AM	415	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	THIRD HAND REPORT JENNIFER PITO HAD A DEL PHYS WITH MALE HE HAS
27-Main	01044484	11/25/01 4:49:02 PM	LOB	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	DELAYED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORT---RP IN LOBBY
28-Main	01043911	11/21/01 9:08:43 AM	CVC	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	GLD MAZDA TYPE VEHICLE IN THE FIRE LANE
29-Main	01043811	11/20/01 2:31:32 PM	CVC	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	TAN MERZ SEDAN PARKED IN THE FIRE ZONE
30-Main	01042764	11/12/01 7:02:29 PM	MP	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	RP HAS NOT SEEN HER CHILDREN SINCE THURSDAY REQ OFFICER
31-Main	01042307	11/9/01 8:32:20 AM	LOB	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	ON GOING NEIGHBOR DISPUTE
32-Main	01042265	11/8/01 8:16:27 PM	893	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	WRNT ARREST ONLY
33-Main	01042259	11/8/01 7:26:49 PM	415	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	415 VERBAL WFA BLK SHIRT/BLK PANTS

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3-Main	01036747	9/28/01 7:39:00 PM	415P	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	415P IN SIDE THE RESD MALE FEMALE
4-Main	01035101	9/16/01 7:18:11 PM	415	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	DELAYED DOMESTIC DISPUTE--FEMALE HALF IS NOW
5-Main	01034766	9/14/01 6:45:43 PM	CVC	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	SAME WHI FORD PICK UP PARKED IN THE RED ZONE. HAS NOT BEING
6-Main	01034757	9/14/01 5:29:26 PM	CVC	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	WHITE FORD PICK UP PARKED IN THE RED ZONE
7-Main	01033608	9/5/01 8:55:46 PM	415	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI (CENTURY PLACE)	MALE FEM VERBAL INSIDE THE HOUSE ESCALATING PER
8-Main	01033523	9/5/01 10:19:38 AM	WI	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	WELF CHECK & GRANDCHILDREN RP THINKS HS ACTIVITY AND KIDS
9-Main	01031400	8/20/01 10:13:22 AM	CVC	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	COMMON AREA DRIVEWAY GRY CHEV P/U PARKED IN THE RED
10-Main	01030588	8/14/01 12:24:24 PM	813	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	
11-Main	01030327	8/12/01 10:24:58 AM	CVC	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	
12-Main	01029749	8/8/01 1:51:51 AM	415P	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	415 VERBAL MALE/FEMALE
13-Main	01029695	8/7/01 4:04:07 PM	CVC	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	RED PU PARKED IN RED ZONE /CAN CONTACT RP IF UNABLE TO
14-Main	01029686	8/7/01 2:55:26 PM	CVC	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	CK FOR RED P/U PARKED IN THE RED ZONE
15-Main	01026354	7/12/01 9:38:46 PM	415P	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	MALE/FEM VERBAL
16-Main	01025817	7/8/01 3:12:13 PM	CVC	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	WHIT FORD P/U PAKED IN FIRE LANE RP WANT VEH CITED OR
17-Main	01023242	6/19/01 6:46:42 PM	983	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	CALL THE RP RE; HER DAUGHTER WHO USES DRUGS. SHE IS
18-Main	01022385	6/13/01 10:28:43 AM	CVC	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	WHIT P/U AND TAN MERZ PARKED IN FIRE LANE
19-Main	01021785	6/8/01 8:17:52 PM	CVC	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	WHITE FORD P/U PARKED IN RED ZONE
20-Main	01021478	6/6/01 8:36:16 PM	CVC	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	TWO VEHs BLOCKING FIRE LANE RED CHRY CONVERTIBLE W/ BLK
21-Main	01021281	6/5/01 11:14:59 AM	CVC	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	WHI NEW FORD W/ BLK METAL RACK ON TOP BLOCKING PARKED
22-Main	01021280	6/5/01 11:12:55 AM	CVC	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	WHI P/U PKD IN FIRE LANE ***DUPLICATE EVENT SEE 01021281
23-Main	01020632	6/1/01 9:59:58 AM	CVC	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	2 VEH'S WHI P/U TAN MERV PARKED IN FIRE LANE. RP WANTS
24-Main	01000596	1/5/01 3:53:35 PM	653	433 E CENTURY BL / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	HARRASSING PHONE CALLS
25-Main	00043890	12/17/00 3:17:57 PM	273	433 E CENTURY BL # / BLUE JAY WY, LODI	FATHER HIT MOTHER RP

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December 23, 2002

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**RE: REQUEST TO APPEAR BEFORE COUNCIL TO DISCUSS LACK OF
ENFORCEMENT OF APPLICABLE CITY CODES AND ORDINANCES**

The Mayor is in receipt of your correspondence regarding the above subject dated December 18, 2002. This is to notify you that at the City Council meeting of **Thursday, January 2, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Council Chambers, at the Carnegie Forum, 305 West Pine Street, Lodi, the Council will consider setting the date to hear and discuss the above matter.

Enclosed is a copy the January 2, 2003 City Council agenda and staff report related to Agenda Item H-4(a). Should you wish to make comments at this meeting, please submit a "Request to Speak" card (*available in the Carnegie Forum*) to the City Clerk prior to the opening of the meeting.

Following the January 2 meeting, you will be notified in writing of the City Council's direction.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 333-6702.

Sincerely,



Susan J. Blackston
City Clerk

SJB/JMP